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**Title: EXHAUST-GAS CLEANING UNIT WITH PARTICLE FILTER AND
NITROGEN OXYGEN STORE, AND OPERATING METHOD
THEREFOR**

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Response after Final Rejection

Concerning the Examiner's rejection of claims 20 – 23 under 35 USC 112 paragraph 2, it is noted that, generally, the operation of a Diesel engine is known not only to the person skilled in the art, but even to persons with little or no skill in the art so that it is not necessary to define in the claim every feature or function of a Diesel engine.

It is furthermore noted that today's engines and exhaust systems are very much intertwined and cooperation between the engine and its exhaust system is required in order to eliminate or reduce exhaust emissions. The exhaust system can therefore no longer be considered to be a separate part. It is rather an integral part of today's engines operated by a control unit controlling both the Diesel engine and the exhaust gas purification system as both have to